

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION



1443 Q St., N. W.

SUBJECT OF LECTURE
SUNDAY EVENING

April 8th,
AT 8:15

**"THE POWER OF
THOUGHT."**

WEDNESDAY
EVENING,

April 11th,
AT 8:15

**"THE EVOLUTION OF
SYMBOLS AND
LANGUAGE."**

Who is there among us who would not exchange the unrest which possesses each one of us in this moment of rapid evolution, for the Peace, the calm, the poise which we see in some great soul who has touched our life, perhaps in a crisis of joy, perhaps of sorrow, or of uncertainty; the calm joyful serenity of one who has suffered much from the world, and who seems to have entered into Peace right here on earth, perhaps in consequence of such suffering?

What is the source of such strong calm? It is not indifference, not ignorance, it will not come to us from easier circumstances, congenial friends or occupation, good health or any change in the outer life, though these are desirable; but it must come to us from our own change of attitude towards these and all experiences, recognizing them, whether pleasant or seemingly unjust, as a part of the lessons of our school-day; taking indeed a greater joy in learning well the hard lessons even than the easy ones, since the Divine Wisdom will only set a hard lesson to the one known to be strong and able to cope with it.

Is your lot an easy one? Rejoice and give thanks for it.

Is your path a hard and thorny one? Rejoice and give thanks to Him who judges you strong enough to tread in it.

So shall you enter into Peace.

Questions asked in the After-Talk:

Is it not true that after every victory comes to us a new and harder test?

Is not the attitude expressed by "Thy Will be done" the correct one?

Will a perfect realization of our oneness with Divinity cure all ills?

When our heart's desire is withheld from us, and we are still content, may we not be said to have mastered that lesson?

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